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### MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2002 Economic and Environmental Analysis Conference, Balancing Economy and Environment, 15-19 July 2002, New Orleans, Louisiana

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the upcoming subject conference and to encourage active and diverse participation by division and district staff. This conference will provide a forum to discuss pertinent economic and environmental ideas and issues, and specifically the Chief's Environmental Operating Principles and environmental sustainability. I expect this conference to improve the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers success in carrying out its Ecosystem Restoration mission.
2. Conference participation will enhance and strengthen division and district planning capabilities through the information presented and discussed, in addition to the networking opportunities. Today's water resources problems are complex and will likely require multipurpose solutions that innovatively blend ecosystem restoration actions with more traditional solutions. Therefore, division and district participants should include biologists and ecologists; economists; engineers; planners; plan formulators; project managers; and other environmental scientists. In addition, the number of division and district attendees should generally reflect the size and complexity of their programs in maximizing the value of this conference.
3. The conference agenda is currently being developed based on information received from each division and district. The agenda is being structured to allow ample time for discussion of current planning methods and policy, future challenges and strategic visioning, and career development and opportunities. Key topics will include: National Economic Development (NED) and National Ecosystem Restoration (NER) output formulation; quantifying and qualifying environmental benefits; cost effectiveness and incremental analysis, and technology and research transfer.
4. This is an opportunity for both experienced staff and emerging leaders to exchange ideas and network. As a result, conference participation should not be limited only to highly experienced staff. Emerging leaders from each division and district are encouraged to attend. Overall, conference participants will include staff from the Corps, and Federal, State agencies, sponsors, private consultants, and academia.

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5. Conference details are continuing to be developed and will be provided separately. Questions regarding this conference may be directed Mr. Bruce Carlson (Economics) and Dr. Mark Colosimo (Environmental) at (202) 761-4230 and (202) 761-4250.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

*Robert H. Griffin*

ROBERT H. GRIFFIN  
Major General, USA  
Director of Civil Works

*Request your support as this conference is aimed at strengthening an area that is fundamental to our mission success!*

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